

Minutes

Western Region Youth Council Meeting

October 11, 2002

Cedar City, Utah

Attendance: **Lis Barker** **John Fullmer** **Greg Muller**
 Brad Neufeld **Lynnette Robinson** **Wayne Shamo**

Guests: **Richard Nelson** **Linda Olsen**

Staff: **Ann Barnson** **Jolene Bundy**

Welcome: Greg Muller welcomed everyone to our meeting. Said he will try to keep it short.

- Ask if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and if anyone had changes.
- The Action Items were reviewed.
 - *Greg* - was not able to have a Grant Writing Seminar in September. He is working on it and will as soon as he can.
 - *Greg* - is still looking into having access to a web site to put resources on.
 - *Greg* – has not been able to find out about the Time Dollars program. Still working on it.
 - *Greg* - met with the Sanpete County LIC and they are interested in resource documenting and will do what they can to help.
 - *Tami* – not in attendance to see if she checked with the Washington and Iron County LIC for resources.
 - *Richard* – Attended the Sevier County LIC and has a list of people from that last meeting to contact about resources.
 - *Brad* – The report was sent to Jolene and was mailed out.
 - *Roger* – Yes. He made arrangements for this room to be available.
 - *Jolene* – Yes. The Action Items were added to the Agenda.
- No one had changes to the minutes. Wayne made the motion to approve the minutes as written. John seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

ABCDE Review: Greg took a few minutes to go over what he called the ABCDE Review.

- *Who are we? What matters most? How do we choose? What Worth? When?* The Planning Committee created a plan for Youth Council. We created a Mission and our Goals. He wanted to remind us of what they are.
- We need to increase our membership from the communities in the region to have representatives of all areas on the committee.

- Greg went over the goals we set and ask if they seem adequate or need to be revised. Everyone agreed they still seem adequate.
- We went over some of the activities we have carried out. Greg will still be doing Grant writing seminars, we are still working on resources. We haven't done much with Goal 3 except for Winfield Kids. It is still in it's infancy in collaboration of the organization.
- Greg ask if we want to join the State Council and Region Council in the Governors 1000-Day Plan. All of the State Agencies had to do plans.
- Wayne said we were really working on Short Notice to get our Youth Services set up.
- We need to take a look at contacting others to get the word out concerning our Youth Services.
- We need to call on Service Providers and expand on working with the Youth at Risk.
- It was suggested we contact all the Organizations in the area concerning our Youth Services.
- Greg asked how we could help facilitate and help Winfield Kids. They said they could use help with the remedial education and tutoring. Tutoring is becoming more and more an issue because of the number of youth wanting to get on their program, which is more than WIA has funds for. The schools say they don't have the funds for that many students to be on the program. It was suggested that each town probably has resources that can be tapped into. John asked if each county has a program like Americorp and suggested tapping into their funds. Wayne said Bill Gates has a grant the County is going to use for a Mobil classroom to teach Computers and where they can provide a way to obtain a high school GED. He suggested they check on using this. Richard said the Tutoring and the Drug and Alcohol issues are issues they can't do themselves and need some help with those.
- Ann said the youth that are put on the program that are below grade level have a year to increase their grade level. If they need extra help, the DWS counselor works with them. The schools say they don't have time to mentor so we need programs that include mentoring.
- The question was asked of Winfield Kids how they handle funding for youth not on WIA. They said it really isn't in place yet.
- The idea that we can't leave any youth behind is not realistic. Winfield Kids has been doing all the youth the schools have referred. But that is only the beginning workshops, not the leadership programs for those on WIA. It was suggested that after the initial workshop, they have the parents pay for the program. Example – in Delta they already have 30 for the class. This is not just *youth at risk cases but all kids in the schools who are interested*. But they need more funding *to be able to work with more kids*.
- Greg said our immediate concern is for the WIA youth. We need to focus on *their* needs and not *all* the youth for now. John said it is not our place to create more eligibility, but to monitor those already there.

- Greg said we should work on getting grants and other resources for funding solutions. The resources should be 80% our own resources, not those of others, because these are the people helping in our communities that we need to be working with.
- We need to concentrate on the resources we already have to access and work with the system. John said an example is Voc. Rehab.
- Lis said she was on a project that mapped resources. They made a book with community resources and agencies in. After a year it was outdated but the agencies still use it to see what programs are provided by which agency. Nearly all the agencies have their own web page, which list their programs. Lis will get copies of the book to Jolene to send out to the council members as an example. It would be hard to keep a book updated, but a Web Page can be easily updated with links and resources available.
- Greg said he felt we should start within ourselves to gather and collect resources. He asked Jolene to send out the resource papers we did before and we can start there.
- They ask Jolene to send out a copy of the Resource Guide we have already put together.
- John said it's easier to address an issue if someone asks the question so we know what to address.
- Greg suggested we start out small then expand with our resource mapping. We need individuals and communities to work with us. He asked us to contact the different organizations to make them aware of what we are doing and what our needs are.

Meeting Schedule:

The Region Council has changed their meetings to Quarterly. Their next meeting will be January 16, 2003. Ann ask if it would work better to change and meet on the same day as Region Council when they have their committee meetings. We started to meet like that and then it was changed. She suggested we go back to that schedule since the Youth Council is really a sub committee of the Region Council. Everyone agreed.

Review – Action Items:

- **Lis** – will get copies of the resource book to Jolene
 - **Greg and Richard** - will team up and start Resource Mapping.
 - **Ann** – will check up on Greg and Richard
 - **Jolene** – will email a copy of the Resources we have already done to everyone along with the book from Lis.
 - **Greg** – will be chair of the taskforce and ask Tami and Regan to help, and contact others to help.
 - **Ann** – in our next Youth Council Meeting, we will need to be ready to discuss the Youth Priority Rating System.
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Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: January 16, 2003 in Beaver.